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SeatedFest II next month in Baltimore!

As mentioned in last month's issue of the *E-Gobrecht*, the LSCC is excited to announce our SeatedFest II Convention, to be held at the end of February at the Spring Whitman Baltimore Expo. This is the most important event for the LSCC in recent memory. The Educational program is not to be missed!

At the club booth on the bourse floor, we are expecting **20 cases** of impressive exhibit material, including marquis collections of Liberty Seated coinage of all denominations, plenty of "collector-grade" coins, and some fascinating Exonumia. You will not believe your eyes! The convention will be held Thursday through Saturday, **February 28-March 2**.

Details on the exhibits and the educational programs, including registration information, can be found below.



Exhibits

The collections on exhibit include the following:

- Collections of *all seven* Liberty Seated series, half dimes through Trade dollars
- The unique 1870-S half dime
- The John Frost collection of double dime Exonumia
- The Carl Feldman collection of Liberty Seated dollar Exonumia
- Collector-grade keys and semi-keys from all seven series.

Many of the coins on display will be available for hand's-on inspection!

Educational Program

During the first two days, Thursday and Friday, the LSCC will present four 90-minute educational sessions on Liberty Seated coinage, encompassing all seven series, along with historical background information. The sessions are timed so that attendees can maximize their show experience by allowing plenty of time for the bourse floor. And remember to plan on being in Baltimore for Thursday morning for the first session (before the bourse floor opens to the



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public). This may require different travel plan timing for regular attendees of the Baltimore Expo.

Program outline

Thursday February 28, 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Welcome, brief introduction to the LSCC, Liberty Seated research and education; introduction to Liberty Seated coinage, designers, subtypes, Liberty Seated artistry, collecting Liberty Seated coins, why are we passionate about Liberty Seated coinage?

Thursday February 28, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Liberty Seated economics, location of coins for examination at table.

Series: Liberty Seated half dimes, Liberty Seated dimes, Liberty Seated quarters. Topics for each series: series overview, key dates

and other important dates, major varieties, collecting difficulty, and budget.

Friday March 1, 9:00 – 10:45 AM (includes a brief LSCC Regional Meeting)

Series: Double dimes (twenty cent pieces), Trade dollars. Variety attribution, References for Liberty Seated coinage, both printed and online.

Friday March 1, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Series: Liberty Seated half dollars, Liberty Seated dollars. The Andrew Jackson-Sevier Flying Eagle Dollar, building a network of Liberty Seated collectors and dealers via the LSCC.

Attendance in the educational programs is free for both LSCC members and visitors, but pre-registration is required. Ideally, a registrant will attend all four sessions, but it is not required.

Register Now for SeatedFest II on the LSCC website

You can register for the educational programs on the LSCC website, www.lsccweb.org. Specifically, you can go to the following web page:

<http://www.lsccweb.org/registration.html>

All of the information on the registration form is required.

Important: If you discover you need to cancel one or more of the sessions, please notify us via email at lscc@lsccweb.org to let us know. We expect a lot of interest, so please don't register and then be a no-show. Thanks for your interest, and your cooperation.

Why you should attend SeatedFest II

Education. Our goal is to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for Liberty Seated collectors of all levels of experience, including material on all seven Liberty Seated series, half dimes through Trade dollars. The sessions will provide unparalleled opportunity for learning in a short period of time, while still allowing plenty of time for the bourse floor – a perfect combination! LSCC Education Director John Frost is putting together a great program!

Unrivaled exhibits. On the bourse floor in our own LSCC area, we will have outstanding collections of all Liberty Seated series, with the owners available at the table for discussing the series and their collection. 20 cases of rare coins, with complete sets and some amazing Exonumia will be on display. Notable rarities will be on-hand, including the unique 1870-S half dime! Exhibit chairman Jeff Ball is finalizing the amazing set of exhibits.

Camaraderie. Meet other collectors that share your interests. Meet those who have built leading collections of your favorite series. Network with LSCC members who are happy to share their experiences with you. Share your stories with others, while looking at a lot of very cool coins.

There will also be a **club dinner and social event** on Thursday evening (February 28th), right across the street from the Baltimore Convention Center. A great time will be had by all. LSCC Vice President Len Augsburger and Regional Program Director Dennis Fortier have found the perfect venue for our SeatedFest II club dinner and have made all of the arrangements.

Just Come! Whether you are an experienced collector, specialist, novice, or even a generalist who is interested in discovering where we get our passion for Liberty Seated coinage, this event is for you. Stay tuned for the full set of details, which will be posted on our website (www.lsccweb.org) and in the January issue of the *E-Gobrecht*.



LSCC Patriarch John McCloskey passes!

As published in a special announcement on December 26, 2018 to all *E-Gobrecht* addressees, John McCloskey died on December 15, 2018. John was an extremely well-known and admired numismatist, mentor, friend, father, and family man. John was the Past President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and the *Gobrecht Journal* Editor for 40 years.

Here is his obituary as reported in the *Dayton [Ohio] Daily News*:

McCLOSKEY, John W. "Jack" PhD 80, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents John H. and Helen McCloskey, a grandson and a niece. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Norma Jean (Monnin) and his four children Susan (Jim) Anderson, John T. (Marianne) McCloskey, Lisa (Todd) Johnson and Mark McCloskey, 8 grandchildren, and 2 brothers Tom and Ed McCloskey. He was a graduate of Chaminade High School Class of 1956 and the University of Dayton in 1960. Then in August 1960 he married his high school sweetheart Norma Jean and they started their new life together in East Lansing, Michigan where John earned his master's and doctorate degrees in statistics from Michigan State in 1965. Then he and Norma and their daughter returned to the Dayton area to begin his teaching career at the University of Dayton and raise his children. He was professor and chairman of the math department and retired after 40 years of service. He was an author of several books and was an avid golfer, getting 7 holes in one. He and Norma made many road trips out west, visiting most of the national parks and hiking in the high country. John climbed thirty-two 14,000 foot peaks and Norma was able to climb 2 of them with him. They both enjoyed hiking and the mountains especially doing it together. The family would like to thank his caretakers at Bethany for all their help and support, especially his daughter-in-law Angie Kaufman. Internment at Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to www.tobiasfuneralhome.com.

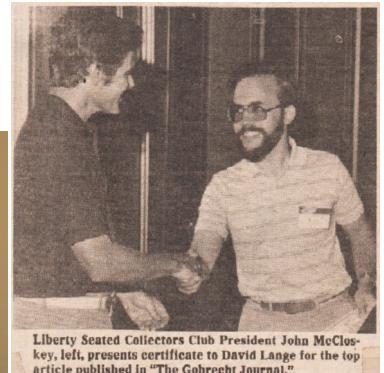
The LSCC will be posting any thoughts or photos of John on the club website. Send them to me for inclusion at wb8cpy@earthlink.net. Here are a few...

[Leonard D Augsburger](#) John carried the LSCC on his back for many years. As collector interest ebbed and flowed he would write many of the articles needed to fill the pages of the *Gobrecht Journal*. He was a disciplined student of die varieties and made numerous discoveries in the bust and seated series. John was "all business" at coin shows and completely focused on the coins and the research. The standard he set for technical research will not be soon forgotten. RIP, John.

[Joe Trezza](#) I met John I believe at the ANA Show in 1996, I introduced myself as a member of the LSCC, he was such gentlemen and welcome me in open arms, he will certainly be missed in our hobby.

[Mel Hatfield](#) John and I were involved in the planning to found an entity known as the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. I served under John as Secretary/Treasurer from 1974-1979. We often would travel to coin shows together and share a hotel room...many fun times were had comparing purchases and socializing with friends such as Kam Ahwash and others. I will miss you old friend. Rest In Peace. Mel Hatfield, LSCC #0003

[Ken Rubin](#) Sadly I met John in person only a few months back when he was quite ill. However I remember an email correspondence in the 1990s where he made me aware of a second reverse of the 1872-s quarter. He went above and beyond to help!



Liberty Seated Collectors Club President John McCloskey, left, presents certificate to David Lange for the top article published in "The Gobrecht Journal."

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Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

Winter FUN

**Orange County Convention Center
9800 International Drive
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January 10-13, 2019**

Winter FUN is upon us and its back in Orlando! John Frost will host the club table with a partial display of the Barber family heirlooms. This will defiantly be the last time any of these treasures will be displayed so don't miss it.

Here's the FUN schedule:

There may be a possible club dinner Thursday night at Dave and Busters, check in at the club table for definitive details.

LSCC Regional Meeting: Friday January 11, 9:00 AM. Stephen Petty will give his educational presentation:
"The Rarity of CAC Seated Coinage"

FUN Lecture: *The Economics of Liberty Seated Coinage* by Len Augsburger, Friday January 11th, 11:15 AM.

FUN Lecture: *Exploring Liberty Seated Half Dollars* by Gerry Fortin, Saturday January 12th, 1:15 PM.

Club shirts will be available at the club table and meeting, be sure to get yours.

HOUSTON MONEY SHOW
Lone Star Convention Center
9055 Airport Road @ FM 3083
Conroe, TX 77303
January 18-19, 2019

This new location for the Houston Money Show has turned out to be a big success. The organizers analyzed where their attendees were coming to the show from and found a quality venue with better parking outside of the city.

John Frost will host the club table. Look on the club website for details on a possible educational presentation.

In the latest issue of the *Gobrecht Journal* (Fall 2018, issue #133) I spoke of club connections being a large part of the success achieved in building my collection. The purpose of this was to point out that getting involved and building contacts (i.e., networking) with other members is a very good way to help add scarce coins to your collection. Club members are some of the leading collectors of Liberty Seated coinage. Personnel contacts within the club can be a conduit to other options in procurement of scarce numismatic items.

On behalf of the entire leadership team I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped out over the last year. The Regional program would not function without you. With 670 members only about 20 volunteers or so do all the work to keep this club the best in the hobby. Perhaps work is the wrong word. If you're having fun, it isn't work. Come on it waters fine.

LSCC website: www.lsccw.org



Cracked, Shattered, and Terminal by Benny Haimovitz, LSCC #2494

**1853 Liberty Seated Dime
Hubbed Date and Arrows, F-105,
Shattered Reverse**



Mintage for the 1853 Philadelphia minted Liberty Seated dime was quite a large 12,173,000 pieces. This first year of the “with arrows” design included both dies in which the date and arrows were either in the master die (hubbed) or added to the die by logo punch (unhubbed). This F-105 is one of the former.

The primary obverse diagnostic indicator is a die crack from the left side of the base down through the left arrow and lightly along the base of the date numerals in later strikes.



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The upper portion of the reverse die becomes progressively shattered, having a significant die crack from the second S in STATES down through the right side of the wreath. Another strong crack enters from the rim across the E in UNITED into the left side of the wreath. Several other smaller cracks start to appear as the die continued to be used.

The lower portion of the reverse die shows a continuation of the die crack through the inside of the right wreath with the formation of internal cuds. This crack then exits the wreath, crosses the right stem and lower ribbon ends before exiting to the rim at about the K-7 position.

Die state diagnostics courtesy of Gerry Fortin. Images courtesy HSR with this example graded PCGS MS62/CAC.



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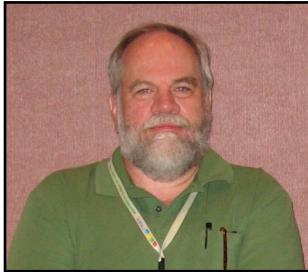


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Auction News

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

December is typically a slim month for major auctions with the Heritage Signature Sale being the only this December. As a diversion, one could ask what is considered a major numismatic auction for this column. There are several informal guidelines that I use:

1. A hard copy of the catalog is published and available days before the auction;
2. An online catalog and online bidding are available;
3. The coins can be viewed in person before the auction begins;
4. The auction can be attended in person and bids can be placed with the auctioneer; and
5. Successful bids are posted during the auction or soon after the final lot is sold.

Obviously, many coins are sold through various online sites, local auctions, and other venues, but verifying the information about such coins can be quite challenging. As such, results from these sales will seldom be included here.

Heritage Signature Auction, December 13-14, 2018, Beverly Hills. A number of better date Liberty Seated coins were sold in this auction. The 1854-O huge O quarter, an interesting variety that is not particularly scarce, continues to sell for lower prices. The example in this auction sold for less than half the price listed in the PCGS price guide. Conversely, the 1856 Liberty Seated dollar brought more than twice the PCGS price guide.

1846	half dime	NGC	VG8	\$1,020.	
1853-O NA	half dime	NGC	VF30	\$1,170.	No arrows
1852-O	dime	PCGS	AU58	\$1080.	F101
1862-S	dime	NGC	XF40	\$780.	
1863	dime	PCGS CAC	MS65	\$7,500.	F101a
1871-CC	dime	NGC	AG3	\$1314.	F101
1842-O SD	quarter	PCGS	VF20	\$1,920.	Small date
1852-O	quarter	PCGS	VF20	\$1,020.	
1854-O	quarter	PCGS	XF40	\$2,491.	Huge O
1864-S	quarter	PCGS	VF25	\$1,560.	
1865-S	quarter	PCGS	VF25	\$1,080.	
1866-S	quarter	NGC	VF20	\$1,560.	
1851	half dollar	PCGS CAC	AU53	\$2,640.	WB-6
1852	half dollar	ANACS	XF45	\$1,440.	WB-3
1866-S NM	half dollar	ANACS	XF40	\$1,320.	WB-1, no motto
1878-CC	half dollar	NGC	VG8	\$1,088.	WB-1
1856	Seated dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$4,080.	OC-1
1863	Seated dollar	NGC	VG8	\$1,320.	



Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

The 1843-O Reverse E Liberty Seated Quarter Dollar

Happy New Year! The first Quarter of the Month for 2019 is a return to one of my favorite quarter varieties; an obscure, rare, and very interesting die pairing of the 1843-O. The feature one immediately notices about this coin is the extremely polished reverse die (listed as reverse E in Briggs' *The Complete Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters*). Note in the picture the complete lack of tail feathers and the missing feathers at the top of the eagle's left wing. The first example I located, more than 10 years ago, was a rather harshly cleaned example with uncirculated details. Its initial appearance was so striking that I thought it was counterfeit; it did not even look like a Liberty Seated quarter reverse at first glance. Over the past 14 years, while diligently working on a die marriage set of 1843-O quarters, I have located no more than ten examples of this particular die pairing.

This reverse die is easily identifiable, not only by the die polishing, but also because of the unique mintmark position. There are six known reverse dies for the 1843-O quarter – five small O and one large O. Among the five small O reverses, one has the mintmark just right of the crotch between feathers and olive branch, one is centered, two are very slightly left, and the present reverse die (E) is the only one located completely to the left of the crotch. The other four small O reverses all pair with Briggs' obverse 1, reverse E pairs with Briggs' obverse die 2 and is the only reverse known to be paired with that obverse die. The distinctions between obverses 1 and 2 are subtle and will not be considered here. Though the sample size is very small (< 10 pieces) it also appears that, like many coins from highly polished dies, this reverse generally comes proof-like in appearance.

The 1843-O quarter, as a date and mintmark, is a very scarce coin in high grade or problem free condition. In addition to the usual problems such as harsh cleanings and holes with which early Liberty Seated coins are



1843-O Small O, Reverse E Quarter Dollar.

frequently found, the 1843-O is also plagued with poor strikes, heavily rusted dies, and poor quality planchets. It is interesting to note that reverse E, discussed and pictured here, does not appear to have been used prior to being heavily polished. The unique mintmark location would make attribution of such an early, pre-polishing, die state fairly straightforward. One can speculate that since dies were made in Philadelphia and shipped to New Orleans, this particular die most likely rusted quite heavily prior to its first use in the coining process and was therefore polished prior to that initial use.

Obviously, each single die pairing of the 1843-O must be considered rare in the sense that it represents one of 5 or 6 (depending on whether the Large O die is included) used to produce a very scarce coin. The small number of examples of reverse E seen over a rather long time period would seem to corroborate this view.



The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

The Joy of Three 1870-CC Quarter Dollars

This month we interrupt our regular series (Gold, Silver, and Liberty Seated Coinage) to discuss an important offering at the upcoming FUN show. Heritage Auctions is presenting three different 1870-CC quarter dollars, an event almost as rare as the coin themselves. With this date, more than one constitutes a hoard, and three make a veritable mega-hoard. There are three different price points to choose from, let's see what we have:

Lot 3224, PCGS Genuine Poor/Fair Details. The obverse exhibits multiple scratches in the left field and pits all over Miss Liberty. You might be able to straight holder it with only one of the two problems, but with both I don't see this slabbing. The services tend to let go of more problems at this level (after all, anything in this condition is expected to be beat up) but this coin still doesn't qualify. I really don't like these kinds of coins. I mean, I get it if you have been doing a quarter set for ten years, this is the last coin you need, and your budget can't handle anything more. That's just being a collector and makes sense. Personally I am not so driven by completion. I'd rather have a nice VF 1860-S for the same money. All that said, rarity never goes out of style, and one can still make money on ugly coins. I purchased an execrable, low-grade 1873-CC 25c early in my collecting career and did quite well selling it. But today it's a coin I'd never look at. I want coins that are nice to look at. Pricing these is tough – it's a thinly traded coin, there aren't many to go around, and collectors who need to fill that hole may stretch. There are 9 bidders tracking this lot as of Dec. 18. My prediction: \$3,500 all-in.

Heritage Auctions link: <https://coins.ha.com/item/seated-quarters/quarters-and-twenty-cents/1870-cc-25c-damage-pcgs-genuine-poor-fair-details-briggs-1-a/a/1291-3224.s?ic4=ListView-ShortDescription>

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Lot 3225: PCGS G4. Nice gray color, the way a Seated coin should be. Remember the discussion about pits? In this case we have a couple pits around star 13, but not the scratches we saw in the previous example. PCGS thought the problem was OK at this level, and I've seen worse in holders. The rims aren't quite full, so we're technically not a G-4 by Redbook standards, but as we all know PCGS uses "market grading." If you refuse to buy coins because they don't meet the Guide Book standards you'll probably never buy any coins. Regardless, I'd call this a "B" coin in the A/B/C system of evaluating slabbed coins. It's decent, it's rare, and reasonably attractive apart from the pits. It should sell for close to guide value. One thing to keep in mind, virtually any coin of this date/mintmark issue will have some problem or another – for this one it's more of an issue of figuring what you can live with as opposed to continually passing and waiting for a "perfect" coin. They don't exist, or if they do their owners have zero intention of parting with them. There are 14 bidders tracking this lot as of Dec. 18. My prediction: \$9,500 all-in.

Heritage Auctions link: <https://coins.ha.com/item/seated-quarters/quarters-and-twenty-cents/1870-cc-25c-good-4-pcgs-briggs-1-a/a/1291-3225.s?ic4=ListView-ShortDescription-071515>

Lot 4457: PCGS VF20. Gray toned with amber highlights in the protected areas. There are a few darker patches on the lower portion of the reverse, and quite a few marks about the stars. Reverse color is similarly uneven. Like the previous, I call this one a "B" coin. I think it unlikely that either this coin or the previous would get CAC approval. Still, these middle grade

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coins can be undervalued – budget collectors strain to get into any coin at all, while those with larger checkbooks may head straight to the higher grade coins, creating opportunity at this grade level. Heritage has placed this example in their “Platinum” section, which will draw additional bidding attention. No slipping through the cracks here! There are 24 bidders tracking this lot as of Dec. 18. My prediction: \$22,000 all-in.

Heritage Auctions link: <https://coins.ha.com/item/seated-quarters/quarters-and-twenty-cents/1870-cc-25c-vf20-pcgss-briggs-1-a/a/1291-4457.s?ic4=ListView-ShortDescription-071515>

We'll be back next month to see how we did. Disclaimer: I have seen none of these coins in hand and am going by the Heritage Auctions pictures. I strongly recommend you view in-person or have a trusted agent do so prior to bidding.

LSCC Calendar

January 1, 2019. LSCC annual **dues payments** due to the LSCC Secretary-Treasurer.

January 10-12, 2019. **LSCC regional meeting, table, and educational programs. Orlando, FL**, Orange County Convention Center. There will be a club table on the bourse floor and the regional meeting is January 11, 2019, Friday morning at 11 AM. Stephen Petty will give his educational presentation *“The Rarity of CAC Seated Coinage.”* There will be two FUN educational programs on Liberty Seated coinage: *The Economics of Liberty Seated Coinage*, by Len Augsburger, Friday January 11th, 11:15 AM and *Exploring Liberty Seated Half Dollars*, by Gerry Fortin, Saturday January 12th, 1:15 PM.

January 18-19, 2019. **LSCC club table and educational program. Conroe, TX.** Houston Money Show, Lone Star Convention Center. Check club website for exact details.

January 31-February 2, 2019. **LSCC table, LSCC-BCCS social dinner. Long Beach, CA.** Long Beach Expo, Long Beach Convention Center. Check club website for exact details.

February 1-2, 2019. **LSCC table and educational program. Knoxville, TN.** Rothchild Conference Center. Check club website for exact details.

February 1, 2019. Deadline for submission of articles and advertisements for *Gobrecht Journal* Issue #134.

February 28-March 2019. **LSCC SeatedFest II, many exhibit tables, regional meeting, and educational programs. Baltimore, MD.** Whitman Baltimore Expo, Baltimore Inner Harbor Convention Center. See article on pages 1-2 of this issue. Register online at the club website.

All dates: see the LSCC website (www.lsccweb.org) for additional events and details.



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